

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

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## BOY KILLED.

### Death of K. F. Wellman by a Gasoline Explosion.

One boy was killed and four men, one of them fatally, were injured by an explosion of gasoline in the engine of the steamship St. Denis of the Lower California Development company at the Santa Fe wharf, San Diego, Cal., on the afternoon of Saturday, March 16.

It is believed that one of the crew at work fumigating the fore-mast stepped on a match or struck one to light a match. All of the injured were badly burned by the fire following the explosion. The dead boy was horribly mangled. The head and neck were burned almost beyond recognition, and his skull was crushed and his right arm broken. He was thrown ten feet on the deck. The explosion occurred within a hundred yards of where the U. S. S. Bennington blew up two years ago with a loss of 65 men. The Wellman boy was just coming out of the forecastle when the explosion occurred. His body was thrown against the steel side of the companion way leading to the deck. This fractured the skull and the fall broke his arm.

Wellman was only 18 years old. He had been employed on the ship about six weeks. His mother was informed of the accident and hurried to the ship. She reached there after the body had been removed. She was frantic with grief.

Claude Wellman was the son of K. F. ("Keene") Wellman and a grandson of Al Wellman, of Louisa. His mother was Mrs. Susie Wellman, a daughter of John Peters, who lives about three miles up Tug, on the Virginia side.

Wellman and his wife separated some time ago, he going to Huntington, where he now lives, and the wife and Claude going to San Diego, Cal., where her married sister, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson lives. At the time he met his untimely and horrible death Claude was employed as engineer of the hoisting engine of the steamer on which the explosion occurred. He had numerous relatives in this section.

## Spruce Up.

What are you going to do this spring to beautify your own premises? Going to plant any trees or flowers? Going to paint the fence or tear down the unsightly shed in the rear or sod the parking in front of the house or trim the shrubbery? What are you going to do to add to the physical appearance of Louisa?

To get back to Rome, which was not built in a day. Do you know how it was kept clean? By every one sweeping in front of his own door. Are you sweeping in front of your own door, or are you waiting for council, that great something which many people expect to usher in the millennium, to send around sweepers? Are you personally doing anything to make Louisa bigger and better and brighter, or are you sitting around waiting for some one to call upon you to joint a procession?

## Name!

A young lady from the Big Sandy valley region, stylishly attired in a sobby blue traveling suit, attracted much attention at the C. & O. station yesterday, as she departed for a growing city in the far West, where she humbly acknowledged to a questioning acquaintance, "Somebody's waiting for me." The man in the case had successfully taken up his residence in the golden country several years ago, and, having amassed a fortune, won a reputation and built a home, he sent back to old Kentucky for the girl "after his own heart," saying that the minister was in waiting.—Ind.

## The County Fair.

Why not begin now to prepare for our County Fair? A fine season is confidently predicted, and our stockmen, farmers and housekeepers should begin early the work of getting ready, determined to make the Fair of 1907 the best ever held in Lawrence. There is no reason why this should not be done. And this appeal is made to our friends across the river, let us work together and make a big display next fall.

## Raise Tomatoes.

The importance of tomatoes as a crop cannot be too highly estimated, neither can we too often call the attention of our farmers to their value. And it is somewhat surprising that many men who have ample ground, much time and all the needed help are seemingly indifferent to a subject of such importance to them. In almost numberless places elsewhere farmers are, figuratively, falling over themselves in their haste to grasp the golden opportunity for enriching themselves at the small expenditure of money and labor necessary to raise tomatoes for a canning factory. In most of these places they are paid 18 cents a bushel for their crop, while the Louisa Canning Company will pay 25 cents and will contract for all the tomatoes which can be grown in this section, and furnished all the seed necessary. You are offered over 38 per cent. more for a crop which costs you less to raise than it costs the man who gets 18 cents a bushel.

But you say you tried it once and the crop was a failure. This is true, in part. But, say: did you ever plant, work and sweat over your corn and gather a lot of rubbish? And did you ever spend good money for wheat or oats and have to turn your stock into the fields of oats and wheat so that you might get at least a little something out of them? Have not time and again the bugs or the drought or both cut your potato crop very, very short? These things have happened in the history of every farmer in the land, but does he stop sowing and planting these things? Not a bit of it. Then why stop the cultivation of a crop which brings him an early cash return earlier and larger, all things considered, than any other crop? Consider these things in a practical, common-sense, business-like way, and you, too, will make haste to begin the raising of this valuable crop.

## Fire Monday Night.

About half-past nine o'clock last Monday night a fire was discovered in the store of Gaul Bros, in the Bank Block, next door to Conley's Jewelry Store. The alarm was quickly given, and breaking open the front doors the first ones upon the scene succeeded in extinguishing the flames with a few buckets of water. The fire company promptly responded to the alarm, but its services were not needed. Several sets of furs, some ladies' skirts and a few other articles were burned.

The most reasonable cause given for the fire is that a mantle from a burning gas jet dropped from a light immediately over where the furs and skirts were. The loss is covered by insurance.

If the fire had broken out a few hours later the News might have had another different story to tell.

## Worth More Now.

Less than three years ago Reed Roberts and his daughter, Miss Martha Belle, made a visit to Oregon and remained there several months. During their stay they each took up a tract of Government land. The land was then slowly appreciating in value, and lately it has been rapidly increasing in market value. The Roberts' have received many offers for their property, but have refused all bids until last week. They then had a bid of \$2000 for each tract, and have closed the deal at those figures.

## Dots and Dashes.

On Thursday Friday of last week Supt. Goodwin, Asst. Supt. Fox, Chief Train Dispatcher Edsall and Division Engineer Allen went over the O. & N. S. division on a tour of examination made for the purpose of ascertaining how well qualified for their responsible duties are the telegraphers in the various railroad offices along the line. The examination lasted two days and was entirely satisfactory.

## The Difference.

The NEWS and the measles are both easy to take. The difference is that you have to pay to get rid of the measles and you could not be paid to be without the NEWS.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

### Ernest Wellman Seriously Injured by John Bartram, Jr.

About 9 o'clock last Monday morning one of those didn't know it was loaded accidents occurred which may result in the death of the innocent victim. At the hour named John Bartram, Jr., Ernest Wellman, aged 17, and some others were in Bartram's store on the Louisa and Ft. Gay bridge. Bartram was "fooling" with a pistol, not believing it to be loaded. He very foolishly pointed the weapon at Wellman, who was only a few feet away, and snapped it. The pistol was discharged, sending a bullet through the boy's side and into his lungs. Wellman was carried to Bartram's home and medical aid summoned. The lad is in a serious condition, and the final result of the wounding will not be known for several days.

Wellman is a son of Maneus Wellman, of Fort Gay.

The pointing of a gun or pistol at anyone is punished severely in Kentucky, and when the pointing is attended by wounding the penalty is still greater.

## Easter.

Next Sunday being Easter much information more or less reliable is found in the newspapers concerning its origin. The Bible throws no light upon the subject.

The word Easter is from Eastre or Eostre, the name of a Saxon goddess. Her feast was anciently celebrated in what is now the month of April.

The Jewish Passover was observed about the same time of the year.

Some ascribe the definite start for the institution to the Apostles, but the more general view is that it was first observed about 68 by their immediate successors.

A pope in 1582 fixed it on "the first Sunday after the full moon immediately following the 21st of March." So the time got settled.

As a church festival is becoming more and more observed by Protestants. This entire week, known as Holy Week, is religiously observed by many who, in times past, paid no attention whatever to it.

To-day is Good Friday, and the Christian church mourns a crucified Christ, but "on the third day He rose again from the dead," and on Easter the ruck-rocks and ashes give way to flowers and rejoicing, for Lo! He has risen.

## Two Beautiful Dramas.

A treat is in store for all who may attend the Opera House to-night. Miss Stafford's School of Expression, K. N. C., and the Louisa Dramatic Club will be seen and heard in two beautiful plays. There will also be music and Miss Stafford, the head of the School of Expression, may favor the audience with some readings. Remember that these folks, big and little, are our folks, and we should show by our presence that we appreciate their efforts to please.

The plays to be presented are Snow White and Out in the Streets.

## Eggstraordinary But True.

Last week the Louisa Produce Company shipped out of Louisa the enormous quantity of 63,600 dozen eggs. This is the largest shipment of eggs ever made from Louisa in one week. It's tremendous, when you come to think of it. Seven hundred and sixty-three thousand two hundred eggs!

The firm also shipped large quantities of other stuff handled by the company.

Dr. Bartram, of Ashland, was painfully hurt, Tuesday afternoon, while driving near the corner of 23rd street and Carter avenue. A C. & O. train frightened the doctor's horse, causing it to whirl, upsetting the buggy, throwing the physician out and bruising him in a number of places, the most serious injury being on the knee cap, and which will keep him at home for a few days. The buggy was broken up, but the horse escaped injury.

During the recent disastrous flood in the Ohio two prominent ladies of Cor. Co. became mothers a short time before the water surrounded their homes. They were carried in their beds to a hotel, and the mothers and their babies did well, apparently none the worse for their experience.

## A Large Mortgage.

The largest mortgage ever received in the county clerk's office for recordation was recorded this week. The title is the Columbia Gas and Electric Company, a West Virginia corporation, to the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of New York. The mortgage is to secure the payment by the former company of a twenty-five million dollar five per cent. bond issue and is given on 223,000 acres of land, lying in Calhoun, Gilmer, Barbour, Lewis Ritchie Lincoln, Braxton, Upshur, Cabell, Putnam, Logan, Mingo and Wayne counties West Virginia, and Lawrence, Knott, Elliott, Floyd, Magoffin, and Johnson counties, Kentucky. The mortgage is in printed form, set in six point matter and the pamphlet contains 182 pages. This instrument will be recorded in all the counties mentioned, twenty of them in number, and the recording will cost near \$5,000.

The twenty-five million is to be spent in developing the property, owned by the Columbia Gas and Electric Company in the counties mentioned. It is said that Mingo will receive her portion of the vast sum for the development of the property acquired by the company. Mingo Republican.

## Well Known Here.

Sam Bettes, the cowboy preacher, well known throughout the state, received a severe beating at Davy, W. Va., last week where he had been holding a series of meetings. Two ribs were broken and he was badly cut up about the head. Steel knucks and a black jack were the weapons used by his assailant, who is unknown. Bettes was called out of his boarding house at night, and was set upon and beat up in the dark.

During his stay at Davy Bettes has been very persistent and bitter in his attacks on Supt. Rely and other officials of the Superior Poca-hontas Coal Co. He was warned to stop his tirade of abuse, but refused. He will be unable to do any more preaching for several weeks now.

## This One is Genuine.

Capt. Ran McCoy, leader of the McCoy faction during the notorious Hatfield-McCoy feud, is dying of the infirmities of age at his home near Pikeville. He is eighty years old.

As the NEWS took occasion to say in its issue of last week it is quite the thing to say that every man named Hatfield belonged to the "Notorious Hatfield-McCoy feud." It can be truthfully said of Ran McCoy that he was one of the originals and leaders in that noted war between the factions.

## Fort Gay Leader.

This latest venture in newspaperdom in this section made its bow to the public last week. Not since the days of the Cassville News, edited by B. C. Howell, has the village across the river had a newspaper, and there is no good reason why the Leader should not fill the gap. It is well edited, full of local and neighbor news, and deserves the patronage it will no doubt receive.

E. V. Crum is the editor and manager, and the terms are \$1.00 per year.

## Serious Affray Near Fallsburg.

On last Sunday an affray which may cause the death of one young man occurred on Long Branch, not far from Fallsburg. Leonard Barrett, son of Mrs. John Barrett, and James Terry met and took up a quarrel which the two had had some time ago. It is said that Terry knocked young Barrett down, and rising on all fours Barrett made at his antagonist and stabbed him, the knife penetrating to the cavity of the chest. The affray occurred at or near the house of Freeland Moore.

Mrs. Frances Taylor, who said she is the owner of \$2,500,000 worth of stock of a company recently formed to develop valuable coal, oil and timber lands in Kentucky and West Virginia, was a prisoner in a New York City Court, charged with defrauding the Lincoln Hotel of a bond bill of \$45. She was held in \$2,500 bail for examination and in default of bail had to go down to the prison.

## PERT PARAGRAPHS

### Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Miss Pauline Cecil, a prominent woman of Pikeville, died last Saturday. Her only sister, Rebecca, survives her.

Mrs. Mary E. Howes and Frank A. Brown, of Paintsville, were married Wednesday.

The announcement of Isaac G. Hice as a candidate for Representative in the Johnson - Martin - Pike Legislative district is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kise have moved to Paintsville. Mr. Kise has a position in George Hager's store.

The residence and household goods of Jilson P. Conley, at Falcon, Magoffin county, was destroyed by fire Saturday. No insurance.

Miss Lula Richmond, daughter of the late John Richmond, of Auxler, was married to Mr. Wallace S. Preston, of River, last week.

Judge J. W. Walker, of Paintsville, announces his candidacy for Representative in the Kentucky Legislature from the Johnson-Martin district, subject to the will of the republican party.

A business deal was transacted in Prestonsburg recently which resulted in W. W. Reynolds and wife purchasing the property and residence of Attorney R. S. Booten. Mr. Booten will give possession the first of May, and will leave for his new home in Missouri. His son-in-law, Dr. B. W. Diamond and wife, will also accompany Mr. Booten to his new home.

Sergeant, Ky., March 21.—In the Colonial Coal and Coke Company's mines at Dorchester, east of here, ten miners were killed in an explosion, while half that number were more or less injured. An investigation into the cause of the horror is being made. This is the worst explosion in the history of these coal fields.

Carter vs. Estep, etc.—Filed March 12, 1907.—Appeal from Floyd Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by Carroll, Commissioner, affirming.

Affirming upon the evidence. There are no questions of law involved in this appeal and it is affirmed upon the evidence. James Coble, May and May for appellants; Walter S. Harkins for appellees.

After arguments by Jack Hendrick, of New York, attorney for the Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation, and J. W. M. Stewart, of Ashland, and Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, representing the Great Northern Coal and Coke Company's interest, a judgment was given dismissing the claims of the old Virginia land grants in Hindman, Knott county. Millions of dollars worth of Eastern Kentucky coal lands are claimed on old Virginia grants.

Elkhorn Land and Improvement Co. vs. O'Leary.

Appeal from Pike Circuit Court. Opinion of the Court by Judge Hobson, affirming.

Corporations — Stock in Personalty. — Shares of stock in a corporation are personal property and upon the death of the holder pass as personal estate. See Chappell vs. Chappell, 30 R. Arle.

Yor. & Johnson for appellants; Fager & Stewart, W. K. Flannery for appellees.

Hindman, Ky., March 22. — The first theatrical performance that has ever been seen in this county, was given last night by the Hindman Dramatic Club at the courthouse in the play entitled "Our Folks." Miss Sue Park, of Madison county, was the star. The play was well attended, and was a pronounced success.

The proceeds go toward the purchase of a town clock. The club was organized by the W. C. T. U. of which Miss May Stone, daughter of Col. Henry L. Stone, of Louisville, and Miss Katherine Pettet of Lexington, are the chief promoters.

Faster cards, the latest novelties, just arrived at Conley's.

## Fatal Shooting.

H. M. Brock, an insurance man, whose home is said to have been in London, Ky., was shot and killed in Salyersville last Monday night, it is claimed, by M. C. Patrick. The affair took place at the home of Patrick.

It is said Brock was a married man with children and that he had been paying marked attention to some of the best known young women of that community. It is understood he had just returned from church with one of the daughters of Mr. Patrick when the latter approached and asked if he was not a married man. Words then passed between the two men and it is declared Brock made a move as though to draw his pistol. Patrick was the first three shots at Brock, two of which took effect, producing instant death.

Immediately after the shooting Patrick gave himself up to the officers. He claims that he acted in self defense.

## Big Fire in Ironton.

The city of Ironton had the most destructive blaze of its history, Friday afternoon. The fire, it is said, started in the old Newman and Spanner Mills occupied by the Ironton Lumber Co., and which has in the past threatened the city on three different occasions.

The following buildings were burned: Ironton Lumber Company's Planing Mill, Saw Mill and considerable lumber.

W. P. Lewis' residence. F. P. Horschel's residence. J. B. Stroble's residence. Leonard Hoffman's residence. T. J. Gilbert's barn. Harry Campbell's residence. All partly covered by insurance. At least fifty other buildings were on fire, but were extinguished.

## Pay Your Box Rent.

The law says your postoffice box rent is due ten days before the expiration of each quarter and must be paid when due. If not paid then it is the duty of the postmaster to close the box and declare it vacant. Many think they have ten days or more after the 1st of the quarter in which to pay the quarterly rent, but it is due and must be paid before the end of the quarter. Next Monday is the first day of a new quarter and the law will be strictly enforced. If you don't believe the NEWS ask Postmaster Hughes.

Monday afternoon near the C. and O. depot in Central City Miss Emma Rousey and Mr. Perry Meadows were killed. Miss Rousey was walking along the track and a freight train coming west was close upon her, when Mr. Meadows, in trying to warn her of its approach was struck, and instantly killed. Miss Rousey in stepping aside to avoid the freight, stepped on the next track in front of No. 8, which was going East, killing her also. The bodies were taken to Johnson undertaking establishment where an inquest was held. Mr. Meadows leaves a wife and two children, and Miss Rousey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rousey, of Central City.

Mrs. John M. Langley, the pretty little wife of the Congressman-elect from Prestonsburg, is making a visit to her parents, Hon. and Mrs. James M. Gidger, Jr., at Asheville, N. C., while her husband is at the lathum of Panama. Upon his return Mr. Langley expects to engage in the practice of law at Pikeville, Ky., together with his congressional duties. Mr. Fred Vaughan, of Paintsville, an associate of Mr. Langley in the Census Bureau, has been selected by the new Congressman as his private secretary.—Washington Cor. Courier-Journal.

The case which perhaps attracted more attention than any other at the recent term of Mingo Circuit Court was that of John Levine against Jake Levine. Sohn claimed that this four-story building on Third-ave had been damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by reason of the smoke coming from a fire in the Levine building. Two days were consumed in the trial of the case and a number of witnesses were examined. The jury was out fifteen minutes and returned a verdict allowing Sohn \$15.